

## Approval – Public Transportation Program

Following the recommendation of Miriam Perry, Director of Public Transportation Division, a motion was made by Board Member Dunn, seconded by Board Member Perkins, and the vote was unanimous to allocate funds to the following projects:

### Urban Technology Program

The Urban Technology Program is designed to assist urban area transit systems in achieving the Department of Transportation's goals of making the transportation network safer and moving people and goods more efficiently through the deployment of various technologies.

#### Division 3

Project No.	The <b>Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority</b> (dba		
09-AT-001	WaveTransit) requests funds to continue implementation of	\$45,000	Total
	the automatic vehicle location project. The hardware and	\$40,500	State
	software will allow Wave Transit to modify and change	\$4,500	Local
	data for routes, time points, voice annunciation and		
	schedule adherence.		

#### Division 5

Project No.	The <b>Research Triangle Regional Public</b>	\$432,926	Total
09-AT-002	<b>Transportation Authority</b> (dba Triangle Transit), as lead	\$389,633	State
	agency for the following regional transit system projects,	\$43,293	Local
	requests funds for fixed route runcutting and scheduling		
	software in partnership with the Cities of Raleigh and		
	Durham. This software will allow coordination of regional		
	timetables and scheduling. Additionally, funds are		
	requested to upgrade the regional trip planner online		
	application for the Towns of Chapel Hill and Cary,		
	Triangle Transit, the Cities of Raleigh and Durham and		
	North Carolina State University. Funds are also		
	requested for a security camera system for four Triangle		
	Transit paratransit vehicles.		

#### Division 6

Project No.	The <b>City of Fayetteville</b> (Fayetteville Area System of	\$419,012	Total
09-AT-004	Transit) requests funds to equip 16 fixed-route buses with	\$377,111	State
	Mobile Data Terminals and Automatic Vehicle Location	\$41,901	Local
	technology.		

### Division 7

Project No.	The <b>City of Greensboro</b> (Greensboro Transit Authority),	\$744,646	Total
09-AT-005	as lead agency for the following regional transit system project, requests funds for an Automatic Vehicle Location/Real Time Arrival Passenger Information System in partnership with the City of High Point (Hightran) and the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART).	\$670,181	State
		\$74,465	Local

### Divisions 7 and 9

Project No.	The <b>Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation</b>	\$257,490	Total
09-AT-006	(PART) requests funds to place security camera technology and electronic fareboxes on 15 vehicles providing public transportation on the PART Express System. The fareboxes will integrate with the Triad transit fare collection equipment.	\$231,741	State
		\$25,749	Local

### Division 10

Project No.	The <b>City of Charlotte</b> (Charlotte Area Transit System)	\$850,720	Total
09-AT-007	requests funds to place security cameras on board 92 paratransit vehicles.	\$765,648	State
		\$85,072	Local

## Community Transportation Program

### Statewide

Project No.	The nonprofit organization, <b>2Plus, Inc.</b> , will continue operation of the rural vanpool program through 2009 providing daily employment transportation to nearly 300 residents of the state's nonurban areas. The funds will subsidize the cost of the service for program participants, who pay a daily fare of \$4.25 to \$6.00 per day. 2Plus, Inc. works closely employers and the Public Transportation Division in the development and maintenance of vanpools. There are currently 25 vanpools in operation.	\$710,000	Total
09-CT-081		\$355,000	Federal
		\$355,000	State

## **Rural Capital Program**

### **Division 13**

Project No.	Mountain Mobility, operating in <b>Buncombe County</b> ,	\$297,336	Total
09-AT-003	provides public transportation to persons who reside outside of the City of Asheville. The system will implement mobile data terminals and automated vehicle locaters technology in their fleet of 41 vehicles. The county is requesting state funding to implement this technology that will greatly improve on-time performance and increase customer satisfaction.	\$267,603	State
		\$29,733	Local

## **Public Transportation Grant Program**

### **Division 13**

Project No.	The <b>City of Asheville</b> received approval for a Federal	\$220,400	Total
09-90-X310-	Transit Administration Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$176,320	Federal
00	(Section 5307) capital grant. The grant will be used to purchase fare boxes to collect cash fares ensuring a safe environment for drivers and system users. The city is requesting a 10% state match for the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible cost is October 1, 2008, to coincide with the authorized Federal Transit Administration.	\$22,040	State
		\$22,040	Local

## Division 10

Project No. 09-DG-022	State funds are needed to fund the <b>Rail</b> Division's cost for performing necessary reviews and providing needed comments on the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) LYNX Blue Line Extension designs through the 15 percent design phase. The Blue Line Extension project is in support of the Northeast Corridor Transitway (TE-4901). It will share portions of rail corridor currently used for freight and intercity passenger service and will be used by the Southeast High Speed Rail service.	\$62,000 State
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The Blue Line Extension is an 11-mile northeastern alignment connecting existing light rail service in the downtown Charlotte area with I-485 north of UNC Charlotte, offering an alternative to I-85. Proposed alignment is on a portion of existing rail track and new right of way.

November 27, 2007 the Blue Line Extension project received Federal Transit Administration approval to move forward with Preliminary Engineering (PE). Project design is a component of the PE process and necessary to begin property acquisition.

## Urban Bus and Facilities Program

### Division 3

Project No. 08-09-413	<b>The City of Jacksonville</b> received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) capital grant and a subsequent amendment. The grant with amendment will be used to purchase bus routing signs, shelters and equipment. The city is requesting a 10% state match to the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is November 1, 2006.	\$93,535 Total \$74,828 Federal \$9,353 State \$9,354 Local
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Project No. 09-90-X446	The <b>City of Jacksonville</b> received approval for a Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Area Formula (Section 5307) capital and planning grant. The grant will be used for the purchase of four buses, construction equipment and planning activities. They are requesting an 8% state match for the bus purchase, a 10% match for equipment and a 10% state match for planning activities. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is July 1, 2008, to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$1,924,600 Total \$1,557,680 Federal \$180,460 State \$186,460 Local
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### Divisions 11,12 and 13

Project No. 09-90-X447	The <b>Western Piedmont Regional Transit Authority</b> received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) capital grant. The grant will be used to purchase one (1) replacement small bus, eight (8) replacement lift-equipped vans, and five (5) expansion small buses. The authority is recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is July 1, 2008 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$830,300 Total \$664,240 Federal \$83,030 State \$83,030 Local
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Two Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program administered by the NCDOT provide funds for elderly and disabled persons. The **New Freedom Program** was created to expand transportation services for the elderly and persons with disabilities beyond what is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The **Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program** provides funds for operating and capital costs associated with providing services to older adults and people with disabilities; generally accessible vehicles are purchased for non-profit organizations.

The following project applications were approved by the Board of Transportation its December 2008 meeting. The project budgets have been finalized and several funding modifications are required.

#### Division 10

Project No. 09- NF-001	<b>Cabarrus County</b> will transport elderly and disabled veterans to the Veterans Administration Hospital located in Salisbury, North Carolina. Service will be provided utilizing two small lift-equipped buses. The county plans to coordinate with the new veteran's facility scheduled to open in Mecklenburg County. The service will operate Monday-Friday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Estimated daily ridership is 50 trips. The service will be provided by the existing community transportation system, Cabarrus County Transportation System.	\$11,800 Total \$11,800 State
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The project budget approved in December did not include the state matching share of 10% for project capital. This change reduces the local share by \$11,800 by providing a 10% State match for the two vehicles

#### Division 12

Project No. 09-ED-001	The county will implement service to a new community health clinic in <b>Iredell County</b> . The existing Section rural public transportation provider, Iredell County Area Transportation, will provide subscription and on demand service to individuals in the target population group who relay on public transportation for kidney dialysis treatment. While this will be the focus of the service, Iredell County Area Transportation will also provide transportation to mental health centers and area hospitals for the elderly and disabled. The service will operate Monday-Saturday from 5:00 am to 5:00 pm. State funds provided by NCDOT for operating assistance will support the nonfederal project match.	\$114,352 Total \$57,176 Federal \$57,176 Local
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The project description presented at the December meeting did not include the funding information.

#### Division 14

Project No. 09-NF-002	<b>Mountain Projects, Inc.</b> , the current community transportation provider in Haywood County, will establish a mobility manager position to work with the coordinated transportation system to increase the level of human service and general public transportation provided to elderly and disabled persons. This position will address the fragmentation of services offered by human service and nonprofit agencies in the county by providing services to transit consumers of this population group to increase the flexibility, quality and timeliness of service provided.	\$23,993 Total \$17,500 Federal \$6,493 State
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This budget amendment will provide federal and state funds for a transportation voucher program to assist consumers with the cost of their transportation service and for 10% match for the previously approved federal funds to create a mobility manager position.

<b>Item I -1 Summary</b>	<b>16 projects</b>	<b>Federal funds administered by NCDOT:</b>	<b>\$429,676</b>
		<b>State:</b>	<b>\$3,556,770</b>